

The role of ligands in controlling the electronic structure and magnetic properties of Mn_4 single-molecule magnets

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Abstract: We present our studies of electronic structure and magnetic properties of $\text{Mn}^{4+}\text{Mn}_3^{3+}$ single-molecule magnets (SMM), i.e., $[\text{Mn}^{4+}\text{Mn}_3^{3+}\text{O}_3\text{Cl}_4(\text{OAc})_3(\text{py})_3]$ (py = pyridine) and $[\text{Mn}^{4+}\text{Mn}_3^{3+}\text{O}_3\text{Cl}(\text{OAc})_3(\text{dbm})_3]$ (dbmH = dibenzoyl-methane) molecules by using a first-principles all-electron relativistic method within spin-polarized density functional theory. To investigate the possibility of ligands controlling the electronic structure and magnetic properties, we designed and calculated the geometric and electronic structures of twelve other $\text{Mn}^{4+}\text{Mn}_3^{n+}$ ($n = 2, 3, 4$) molecules with different peripheral-ligand configurations. The electronic structure of Mn^{n+} ions, and the interatomic distances, electronic structure and magnetic properties of $\text{Mn}^{4+}\text{Mn}_3^{n+}$ molecules display an interesting variation with n . ?? 2008 Elsevier B.V. All rights reserved.

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